

In the claims:

- 1 1. (Amended) A driving device for the windshield wiper
2 assembly of a motor vehicle, which has:
3 a housing,
4 an electric motor located in a housing with a pivoted armature,
5 a gear unit located in the housing with a worm shaft located on a
6 section of the armature, and
7 an axial thrust generating device to compensate for the axial free
8 play of the armature,
9 characterized in that one end of the armature is supported at the
10 housing through a support bearing and that the axial thrust generating device
11 possesses a tapered sliding member which is supported in the housing movable
12 in the radial direction relative to the armature and is supported against the
13 armature shaft so that axial force can be applied to the armature shaft in the
14 direction of the support bearing by moving the tapered sliding member.
- 1 2. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 1
2 wherein the armature is supported in a roller bearing with an inner race located
3 on the armature and an outer race located in one of the gear housing and in the
4 motor housing.
- 1 3. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 2,
2 wherein the roller bearing is located between the worm shaft and the electric
3 motor.
- 1 4. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 2
2 wherein the outer race is supported in the housing so that it is movable axially
3 and wherein the tapered sliding member imparts an axial force to the outer race
4 in the direction of the support bearing.

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11. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 1,
wherein a displacing force can be applied to the tapered sliding member by
means of a spring element.

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1 12. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 11
2 wherein the spring element is constructed as a helical spring.

1 13. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 11
2 wherein the spring element is constructed as a leaf spring.

1 14. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 11
2 wherein the spring element is constructed as a rubber spring.

1 15. (Amended) The driving device in accordance with claim 11
2 wherein the spring element is constructed as a plastic spring.

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